

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**Pages S15408–78****Additional Statements:****Pages S15402–05****Amendments Submitted:****Pages S15478–79****Authority for Committees to Meet:****Page S15479****Privilege of the Floor:****Page S15479**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—456)

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:28 p.m. until 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 22, 2003. (For Senate's Program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on S15510).

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 230 nominations in the Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine Corps.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1531, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Chief Justice John Marshall; and

The nominations of Alicia R. Castaneda, of the District of Columbia, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, and Thomas J. Curry, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

ENERGY EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS COMPENSATION PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Energy's implementation of the Energy Employees Occupation Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000, focusing on providing assistance to DOE contract workers in their efforts to obtain State workers' compensation benefits, after receiving testimony from Senator Grassley; Robert G. Card, Under Secretary of Energy; Robert E. Robertson, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, General Accounting Office; John F. Burton, Jr., Rutgers University School of Management and Labor Relations, New Brunswick, New Jersey; Leon Owens, Paper, Allied-Industrial, Chemical and Energy Workers International Union, Paducah, Kentucky; and David Michaels, George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Serv-

ices, former Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environment, Safety, and Health, Richard Miller, Government Accountability Project, and Donald Elisburg, on behalf of the AFL-CIO and the Building and Construction Trades Department, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Arnold I. Havens, of Virginia, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Nominations: of James C. Oberwetter, of Texas, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and David C. Mulford, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to India, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the Nominations: of James M. Loy, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, and Scott J. Bloch, of Kansas, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Steven J. Law, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee approved for reporting the following business items:

S. 1879, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend provisions relating to mammography quality standards;

S. 741, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with regard to new animal drugs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 573, to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote organ donation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1881, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to make technical corrections relating to the amendments by the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act of 2002, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Jose Antonio Aponte, of Colorado, Sandra Frances Ashworth, of Idaho, Edward Louis Bertorelli, of Massachusetts, Carol L. Diehl, of Wisconsin, Allison Druin, of Maryland, Beth Fitzsimmons, of Michigan, Patricia M. Hines, of South Carolina, Colleen Ellen Huebner, of Washington, Stephen M. Kennedy, of New Hampshire, Bridget L. Lamont, of Illinois, Mary H. Perdue, of Maryland, Herman Lavon Totten, of Texas, each to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, David Eisner, of Maryland, and Carol Kinsley, of Massachusetts, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Raymond Simon, of Arkansas, to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Elementary and Secondary Education, Read Van de Water, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board, Drew R. McCoy, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, James McBride, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts, Laurie Susan Fulton, of Virginia, and J. Robinson West, of the

District of Columbia, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace, Susan K. Sclafani, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Vocational and Adult Education, and Steven J. Law, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor, and a list of Public Health Service nominations.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Cynthia R. Church, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Public and Intergovernmental Affairs), Lawrence B. Hagel, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, Alan G. Lance, Sr., of Idaho, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, Gordon H. Mansfield, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and Robert N. McFarland, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Information and Technology).

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 78 public bills, H.R. 3568-3645; 4 private bills, H.R. 3646-3649; and 20 resolutions, H.J. Res. 79-81; H. Con. Res. 336-344, and H. Res. 462, 466-472, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows today:

H.R. 1629, to clarify that the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument does not include within its boundaries any privately owned property (H. Rept. 108–392);

H.R. 2896, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove impediments in such Code and make our manufacturing, service, and high-technology businesses and workers more competitive and productive both at home and abroad, amended, (H. Rept. 108–393);

H. Res. 463, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary program for prescription drug coverage under the Medicare Program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction to individuals for amounts contributed to health sav-

ings security accounts and health savings accounts, to provide for the disposition of unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, (H. Rept. 108–394);

Efforts to Rightsize the U.S. Presence Abroad Lack Urgency and Momentum (H. Rept. 108–395);

Conference report on H.R. 2622, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act, to prevent identity theft, improve resolution of consumer disputes, improve the accuracy of consumer records, make improvements in the use of, and consumer access to, credit information, (H. Rept. 108–396);

H.R. 2696, to establish Institutes to demonstrate and promote the use of adaptive ecosystem management to reduce the risk of wildfires, and restore the health of fire-adapted forest and woodland ecosystems of the interior West, amended, (H. Rept. 108–397, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 464, providing for consideration of a joint resolution appointing the day for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Eighth Congress (H. Rept. 108–398);

H. Res. 465, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 108–399); and